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REEL TWO. CHARLES ROBINSON APPEALS. SEQUEL TO "MR. A." CASE. History Of Sensational Affair.

A Reuter cable from London to-day announces that Charles Robinson has entered an appeal against the judgment in the Midland Bank case.

The Midland Bank, Ltd., won part with the two cheques from fear or alarm?—Yes.

5. Was "Mr. A." mind so unsettled by the circumstances of the discovery that his act in parting with the two cheques was not free and voluntary?—Yes.

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Bench Division, when Lord Darling held that as a cheque for \$150,000 was obtained by menaces from an Eastern potentate (whose identity throughout the hearing was hidden in the name of "Mr. A." for reasons of State), the drawer had not parted with his title to the money. Permission was later granted to disclose the identity of the mysterious "Mr. A." He is Rajah Sir Hari Singh, nephew and heir to Sir Pratap Singh, the Maharajah of Jammu and Kashmir. He is 25 years of age. He is Commander-in-Chief of the Kashmir Army, and was created a K.C.I.E. in 1918 and a K.C.V.O. four years later.

The plaintiff in the action was Mr. Charles Robinson, a book-maker, who claimed £125,000 as money had and received by the Midland Bank, Ltd., the defendants, for his use. Alternately, he claimed damages for alleged negligence. The bank denied that they had received the money or were negligent, and relied upon the bills of Exchange Act, 1882.

The case for the plaintiff was that on January 6, 1920, an account was opened in his name by someone other than himself at the Kingsway branch of the Midland Bank, and that a cheque for £150,000 was paid into that account, that on the following day a cheque for £130,000, said to be forged, was cashed, it was alleged, by one Hobbs, who is now under arrest, and that the balance was later withdrawn by means of other "forged" cheques. The plaintiff said that the bank were negligent in paying out these sums.

The bank contended that the cheque for £150,000 was obtained from the Eastern potentate by a blackmailing conspiracy in which the plaintiff and his wife were concerned with other persons.

The plaintiff and Mrs. Robinson both denied that they were in any such conspiracy, and Mr. Robinson said that when he was informed by a Mr. Newton of his wife's relations with "Mr. A." he was taken to Hobbs by Newton, and that he instructed Hobbs to commence divorce proceedings.

Subsequently he went to Hobbs's office and was handed a packet containing notes for £25,000, which he passed to his wife, saying he would have nothing more to do with her, and left the room. Some considerable time afterwards he ascertained that, instead of £25,000, an amount of £150,000 had been paid by "Mr. A." as "hush money," and he sought to recover from the bank the difference between these two amounts.

When the jury first retired to consider their verdict, Lord Darling left five questions for them to answer, which they did as follows:—

1. Was there a scheme or conspiracy to catch "Mr. A." with Mrs. Robinson with a view to getting money from "Mr. A."?—Yes.

2. Was plaintiff a party to any such scheme or conspiracy?—No.

3. Was Mrs. Robinson a party to any such scheme or conspiracy?—No.

4. Was "Mr. A." induced to

part with the two cheques from fear or alarm?—Yes.

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FIGURES IN THE SENSATIONAL "MR. A." CASE.



Above are shown Mrs. Robinson (centre), Montague Newton (top right corner), Lord Halsbury (bottom right corner), Mr. Justice Darling (top left corner), and Sir John Simon (bottom left corner).

five others were put and answered as follows:—

1. Were the words "Pay to order of Mr. C. Robinson, Appleton and Co." on the back of the cheque dated December 30, 1919, written by some person as agent for Appleton and Co.?—No. [The solicitors where Hobbs was clerk.]

2. Had Hobbs and (or) Appleton and Co. any intention of transferring the whole rights, if any, in the cheque for £150,000 to the plaintiff?—No.

3. Were the rights in the cheque ever transferred by Hobbs and (or) Appleton and Co. to the plaintiff?—No answer.

4. Did the bank paying out the £150,000 cheque obey the mandate under which they received and cleared the cheque?—Yes.

5. Did Hobbs in drawing out the money purport to act under the same authority as when he paid it?—Yes.

Rajah Sir Hari Singh.



Rajah Sir Hari Singh inherited a large fortune from his father, General Rajah Sir Amar Singh. The General was the younger brother of the present Maharajah, and when the latter abdicated at the close of the eighties in view of allegations of implication in a

FRENCH COMPLIMENT.

CLEMENTEL'S SPEECH OF GOODWILL.

ENTENTE WITH BRITAIN.

PROMISE OF CLOSE FUTURE CO-OPERATION.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, January 13.

At the conclusion of the plenary session of the Finance Conference, M. Clementel in a felicitous speech of goodwill to the delegates, singled out Mr. Winston Churchill as a man of open mind, courage, and realistic, animated in war time by British and French solidarity, giving promise of close future co-operation and successful settlement of outstanding problems.

STAR FERRIES.

CAPITALISING RESERVE FUND.

SHAREHOLDERS' MEETING.

Increase Of Company's Capital.

Interesting details relating to the Star Ferry Co. were announced at an extraordinary general meeting this morning when a resolution was submitted relating to the capital.

Mr. B. D. F. Beith presided over an extraordinary meeting of the "Star" Ferry Company, Ltd. held at noon this morning. There were also present Sir C. P. Chater, C.M.G., and Mr. C. Gordon Macle, directors, Mr. W. E. L. Shenton (solicitor to the company), Mr. W. S. Brown, secretary, and the following shareholders: F. H. Crampell, M. J. Cox, J. T. Bagman, Rev. Father Robert, J. P. Bragg, E. H. Neave, J. Hyde, E. S. Ford, W. Mackenzie, L. S. Greenhill, E. Sudick and R. M. Davison.

After the notice convening the meeting had been read the Chairman said:

As indicated in the notice which has just been read by the Company's secretary, this meeting has been convened for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, passing an extraordinary resolution for the insertion of a new article after Article 110 of the Articles of Association.

The effect of the proposed resolution, will, if sanctioned by you, be that the Articles of Association of the Company will be augmented by a permanent article giving the shareholders in general meeting at any time power to pass a resolution to capitalise the Reserve Fund by its distribution to the shareholders in the form of bonus. Under the existing Articles of Association, the shareholders have not that power. The new resolution further gives the Directors power to satisfy such bonus by distribution proportionately to the shareholders the unissued or new shares in the company. To carry out the latter in a legal manner, it will be necessary for the Directors to authorise some person to enter into an agreement with the Company regarding the allotment of such bonus shares, that being the usual and customary procedure.

When the resolution before the meeting has been passed by you, it will be necessary to have it confirmed at the meeting convened for February 2.

This resolution is the preliminary step to give effect to the proposals fully explained in the notice convening the fourth meeting. You will observe that we are taking power to increase the authorised capital of the Company to \$1,000,000, by the creation of 60,000 new shares, though it is our intention at present to issue only 40,000 of such new shares. I must explain that the Reserve Fund of the Company on December 31, 1924, amounted to \$200,000, and the Directors, under the powers vested in them by Article 106 (16) of the Company's Articles of Association, have since augmented this fund by the transfer of \$200,000 from the balance carried forward from 31st December, 1924, thus enabling us, if effect is given to the Resolution, to distribute one new share for every old existing share. The general financial position of the Company and the liquid assets we have in hand justify the Directors in recommending this change to you.

The Chairman then read the Resolution which was seconded by Rev. Father Robert and carried unanimously.

This concluded the business before the meeting, the Chairman remarking: "The notice convening this meeting also convenes the 27th ordinary annual meeting of the Company, a further extraordinary general meeting of the Company for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings at this meeting, and of confirming, if thought fit, as a special resolution the resolution which has just been passed as an extraordinary resolution; and an ordinary general meeting respecting the proposal increase of capital and capitalisation of Reserve Fund—all of which meetings will be held here on Monday, February 2, commencing at noon and I shall be glad if you will kindly attend same."

GERMAN SIEMENS.

LOAN FROM U.S. BANKERS.

(Reuter's Service.)

New York, January 13. Negotiations have virtually been concluded by New York bankers for a loan of from \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000 for the German Siemens electrical firm.

IDLE!

BRITISH LIST UP.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, January 13. The number of unemployed in Great Britain again jumped to 84,000 last week.

U.S. WAR CLAIMS.

"FAIR" SAYS PRESIDENT.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, January 13.

It is stated at White House that President Coolidge regards the Paris agreement on the American war claims as a fair settlement, and expresses the opinion that it does not require the approval of Congress.

plot to murder a British resident, the General became president of the Council of Regency. From thenceforward he was the most powerful man in Kashmir, and the restoration of the rule of the Maharajah was more nominal than real until the death of his brother in 1909.

It is a matter for regret that the heir of one of the greatest native states should have come to Europe without the chaperonage of some trusted British political officer. This protection is rightly insisted upon by some of the leading ruling princes in regard to themselves or their sons; but the venerable Maharajah, of Kashmir, one of the most orthodox or Hindus, does not appear to have made this a *sine qua non*.

At the end of the war, with the sanction of the British authorities, the Maharajah adopted a son for spiritual purposes, but it was understood at the time that this would not affect in any way the succession of Sir Hari Singh. Sir Hari, who was educated at Mayo College, Ajmer, and who was decorated for the good services he rendered in the war, is both Commander-in-Chief and Foreign Minister of the State. Amid great rejoicing he married last year the eldest daughter of the Maharajah of Dharwar, in Northern Bombay. He is a great sportsman, and is widely known to British visitors to the lovely Vale of Kashmir for his abundant hospitality.

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UNHERALDED.

SIR ALLAN ANDERSON BACK AGAIN.

MISSION STILL SECRET.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, January 13.

Unheralded and unnoticed, Sir Allan Anderson left New York and reached Plymouth to-day. He declined to make a statement regarding his and Mr. Montague Norman's mission to New York.

[A Washington message of December 31 states:—According to officials of the State Department, the mission of Mr. Montague Norman and Sir Allan Anderson does not relate to the war debt negotiations. It is understood that they will discuss questions connected with the general fiscal relations between the Bank of England and the Federal Reserve Board with officials here.]

SINGAPORE'S DEFENCES.

AIR BASE PROBABLE.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, January 13. It is learned at the Air Ministry that the question of an air base at Singapore is being considered along with other questions dealing with the general defence of Singapore, but no definite decisions have been reached.

"OUTLAWED" SEAMEN.

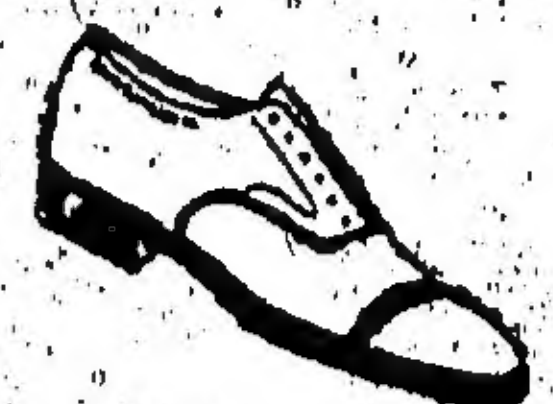
DEFY ARBITRATION COURT.

(Reuter's Service.)

Melbourne, January 13.

The seamen in all the States, except Victoria, have decided not to obey the arbitration award. [Reference to the dispute will be found in a Note and Comment on page 6 to-day.]

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BORNEO MARU	Friday, 30th Jan.	
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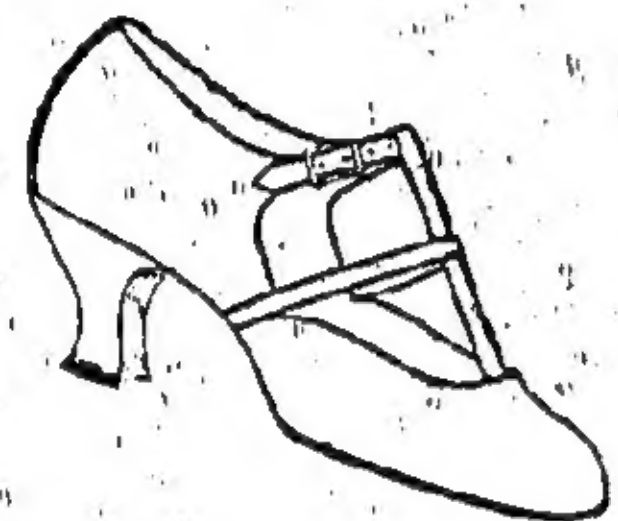
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BIRTHS.

CHASSELS.—On January 7, 1925,
at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs.
T. R. Chassels, a son.
PRICE.—On January 7, 1925, at
Shanghai, to Olivia and
Maurice T. Price, twin
daughters.

Hongkong, Wednesday, January 14, 1925

**HONGKONG AND THE SINGA-
PORE BASE.**

Hitherto Hongkong's interest
in the Singapore base has been
confined to the strategic aspects
of the scheme. Now however, it
seems just possible that the
Colony may have to regard the
base from another standpoint as
well. According to the naval
correspondent of a Home paper,
the whole question of the base
hinges on the time required to
provide the docking accommodation
required for the modern
bulged capital ships. All existing
and designed aircraft carriers can
already be docked there. Such
sales of material as may have
taken place through the Labour
Party coming into power can be
rapidly replaced as they were
confined in the main to perishable
stock. The Admiralty contend
that it will take eight or nine
years to build the dry docks, and
the Washington Convention comes
to an end in the same period.
This is the point which the
Cabinet is going to examine, for
as the naval correspondent tritely
points out, nobody can forecast
the state of affairs in the Pacific
eight of nine years hence. New
Zealand has already announced
that she will give £100,000 for the
scheme, and Australia, has said
that she will contribute a sub-
stantial amount. The Govern-
ment, the naval correspondent
learns, is making inquiries as to
the precise amounts that may be
expected from the Dominions.

Now this is where Hongkong may
possibly have to enlarge its ideas
regarding the Singapore base.
Hongkong is not of course a
Dominion and therefore could

not easily evade making any contri-
bution to the base at all, pointing
out, if need be, that the existing
military contribution more than
meets out Imperial obligations.
Hongkong could take this attitude
but for one fact. Our sister
Colony of Singapore has already
made a generous response to the
Empire's need by presenting the
Home Government with the sites
for the new docks. Of course it
can be argued that Singapore
stands to make much money
through the presence of the Fleet
and that Hongkong already pays
dearly through the heart of the
city being occupied by the Royal
Naval Dockyard. But we think
most people, whatever their
opinions about assisting the Home
taxpayer, will agree that these
arguments are largely beside the
point. Whether Hongkong should
assist the Home taxpayer in this
respect is of course for the public
to indicate. Frankly we feel that
some contribution should be made,
but we hasten to add that it
should not take the form of the
military contribution, which is
unjustly levied, but should take
the form of a single grant, like
New Zealand's, though of course
proportionately smaller. Hong-
kong may never be asked for a
contribution at all, but if a
request is possible—and we sup-
pose it is—the Colony, if only for
obvious financial reasons (putting
the matter at its lowest level)
should anticipate that request and
so make a duty a pleasure.

More About Opium.

With the formal opening of the
International Opium Conference
at Geneva, and its adjournment
for a week, it is only natural that
there should be a spate of talk on
the opium question. Sir John
Jordan, according to a Reuters
message, has been airing his views
on the orthodox lines of strict pro-
hibition and of forcing the posi-
tion in China itself to accord with
the views of the anti-opium
"crusaders." In a long article in
a Singapore paper just to hand,
Dr. Lim Boon-keng gives some
 cogent reasons why immediate
prohibition is impossible. The
learned doctor was one of the chief
witnesses, if we remember rightly,
at the Opium Commission during
the regime of Sir John Anderson
as Governor of the Straits Settle-
ments—a Commission whose re-
port was then (about sixteen years
ago) regarded as the "last word"
on the opium question. Dr. Lim
Boon-keng, himself strongly
opposed to the use of opium,
formulates the supposition that
opium can be absolutely banished
from the market, and that the
habitués will agree to do without
it. This supposition is based upon
two conditions, which are them-
selves problematical. "Can we
within a century entirely prevent
opium reaching those who are mad
to have it at any cost? Will the
opium smokers voluntarily under-
go their craving and sufferings to
carry out a policy of which
they naturally cannot approve or
may not see the urgency or even
the necessity?" These questions
indicate what sort of intricate
financial, administrative, social,
psychological, medical, and
hygienic problems are involved.
Even if these difficult matters

were hypothetically settled, the
prohibition of such an extensive
and deeply-rooted habit could not
be effected without grave conse-
quences by virtue of the known
physiological and pathological
effects produced by opium in
chronic habitués. The doctor pro-
ceeds to argue that the prohibition
of opium would be as successful
(sic!) as the prohibition of alcohol
in America and that, deprived
of opium, the habitués would turn
to alcohol or some other deleteri-
ous drug. The latter is no new
point. It was emphasised again
and again by witnesses before the
first Straits Opium Commission.
Moreover, the immediate prohibi-
tion of opium in China, as Dr.
Lim Boon-keng points out, would
simply mean the creation of a
vast army of smugglers, who
would be the chief gainers from
such drastic legislation. As he
concludes, rightly, it is a question
for the people themselves to decide
—if they do not wish opium they
will not have it; and, if they do
wish it, it is useless for any Power
or combination of Powers to
interfere and talk of immediate
prohibition.

"Outlawed" Seamen.

For the umpteenth time the
Prime Minister of Australia is
determined to try to force a settle-
ment of the shipping dispute,
which has played havoc with the
Commonwealth for nearly three
months. Supporting an applica-
tion for the re-registration of the
Seamen's Union, Mr. Stanley
Bruce declared that the paralysis
of the shipping trade necessitated
definite action, and that the
seamen's action was tantamount
to war on the whole community;
they had thereby outlawed them-
selves from trade unionism. The
opposite nature of the Prime
Minister's remarks may be gather-
ed from the following Brisbane
telegram of December 5:—"That
the Brisbane Chamber of Com-
merce has done everything within
its power, without success, to
secure the unloading of cargo from
the steamer "Wyandra" and its
subsequent transshipment to an-
other vessel, is evident from a
statement by Mr. R. Tanner,
secretary to the Chamber. He
said after interviewing the ship-
ping companies and also the water-
side workers and the Seamen's
Union, the Premier (Mr.
Theodore) was approached asking
him to communicate with the
Prime Minister. An appeal was
made to Mr. Theodore to have
the matter dealt with as one of
special urgency on the grounds;
(1) That the community are
suffering; (2) that the community
are wholly innocent sufferers; (3)
that North Queensland consumers
are likely to suffer through short-
age of supplies; (4) that valuable
commodities are rapidly becoming
valueless; (5) that such
deterioration means loss of wealth
to Queensland. Despite the fact
that the cargo on the "Wyandra"
is valued at £75,000 and consists
mostly of perishable goods, such
as bacon, hams, potatoes, butter,
cheese and other foodstuffs, and
that this cargo is daily becoming
less valuable, nothing further can
be done by the Chamber of Com-
merce." Those who know Aus-
tralian labour conditions will agree
that the position at Brisbane is
not isolated in respect of the
injury inflicted on a helpless busi-
ness community, who have to
suffer immense losses through the
whims of the Seamen's Union and
the Waterside Workers' Federa-
tion. Nor is it easy to tell from
the cablegrams whether the
Seamen's Union or the Waterside
Workers' Federation is to blame
for each development reported: at
times the Union is at strife on its
own account, and vice versa,
whilst not many weeks ago the
main trouble at Sydney was with
the Waterside Workers and at
Fremantle with the Seamen's
Union. Where the one dispute
ends and the other begins is often
hard to tell. The main thing is
that the shipping trade of the
whole Commonwealth is paralysed,
and that commercial interests are
sacrificed in spite of the Arbitra-
tion Court and its judicial officers.

A SUNKEN WRECK.

MARINERS CAUTIONED.

Notice has been given that the
French steam-launch "Sun-Pook"
has a sunken wreck about 300 feet
off the right bank of the West
River, slightly to the south of
Rattler Island.

A part of her funnel is showing
above water.
Masters of vessels are cautioned
to navigate the vicinity with great
care as it is impossible to maintain
wrecking marks.

LINGERING COUGHS.

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does influenza and la grippe, but these
hard-lunging coughs yield easily to
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MISS MARY HO TUNG.

**MARRIED TO-DAY AT
REGISTRY OFFICE.**

CEREMONY AT "IDLEWILD."

The wedding of another of the
daughters of Sir Robert
Ho Tung—Miss Mary Ho Tung—
took place quietly this afternoon
at the Hongkong Registry, a
largely attended reception being
afterward held at "Idle-
wild," 8 Seymour Road, the
town residence of the bride's
parents.

The bridegroom, Mr. Wong
Sik-lam, is from Shanghai, his
parents being Mr. and Mrs. Wong
Kam-fook.

At the ceremony the
bride wore a silver brocade
coat and skirt trimmed
with narrow silver braiding, the
material of which was obtained
from Paris. Her bouquet was of
white roses. Sir Robert Ho Tung
gave his daughter away. Dr.
Y. S. Wan (Dr. Wan Yik-sing)
was "best man."

Miss Nancy Ho, daugh-
ter of Mr. Ho Fook, who
carried a bouquet of pink roses,
was bridesmaid.

The youngest sister of the bride
(Miss Florence Ho Tung) and the
sister of the bridegroom (Miss
Jessie Wong) were the flower
girls.

They wore dresses of pink crepe
satin, with embroidered silver
trimming to match; and carried
baskets of pink roses.

Lady Ho Tung was attired in
pale grey brocade trimmed with
almond radium silk and em-
broided with silver braid le tout
ensemble.

The young couple are leaving
shortly for Shanghai, the bride's
travelling dress being of apricot
colour Indian silk brocade and
trimming to match.

The wedding cake was supplied
by Cafe Wiseman.

TRAM-CAR BLAZE.

A PRIVATE TO THE RESCUE.

EXCITING INCIDENT TO-DAY.

A mild sensation was caused a
few minutes before noon to-day
opposite the Hongkong Cricket
Club ground when a tram-car was
observed to be on fire. Traffic
was brought to a standstill for
about ten minutes.

Tram-car No. 19 was proceeding
east and had just turned round
the corner by the Museum when
smoke suddenly came out from the
under-deck. It was found that
some wires had caught fire in the
back portion of the car just under
the controls.

A private of the East Surreys,
driving a military officer's motor
car, jumped off and rushed to the
scene with a small fire ex-
tinguisher, which he immediately
put into action. In the meantime
others had rushed for water,
several buckets of which arrived
soon after.

Several Europeans and an In-
dian constable also assisted, and
the fire was extinguished without
much difficulty.

The tram car was then taken to
the depot, which was a signal for
the large crowd to disperse.

WHOSE SILK?

**R.A.S.C. PRIVATES IN
COURT.**

William Lane and Richard
Fitzgerald, privates of the Royal
Army Service Corps, were again
before Mr. N. L. Smith at the
Central Magistracy this morning.

The first accused was charged
with obtaining under false pre-
textes from the Pioneer Silk Store
a quantity of silk goods valued
at \$140.20, and with pawing some
goods under a false name and
address. The second accused was
charged with obtaining under false
pretences a quantity of silk goods
from the same establishment
amounting in value to \$75.50 and
a further lot valued at \$61.50 from
Messrs. Pohomull Brothers.

At the previous hearing, the two
accused expressed a desire to take
legal advice. Mr. W. B. Hind
applied for a short remand this
morning, to enable Mr. G. K. Hall
Bruton, who had been consulted,
to be present. His Worship
accordingly fixed the case for next
Friday afternoon.

Another charge was added
against the first accused in respect
of goods amounting in value to \$66
from Messrs. Kayamally & Co.

STREET THIEF.

EUROPEAN LADY ROBBED.

HANDBAG STOLEN.

A case of snatching is re-
ported by Mr. E. L. Stanfield,
living in Government quarters at
Cox Path, Kowloon.

It is stated in the report that
while Mrs. Stanfield was standing
in Pedder Street yesterday morn-
ing, a Chinese came from behind
and made off with her hand-bag
containing money and articles
valued at \$25.80.

CORRESPONDENCE.

"SUI AN" PIRACY LOSSES.

[To the Editor of the China Mail.]

Sir.—Is it not time to recall to
mind the dastardly occurrence
which took place in the month of
November 1922 when the "Sui-
An" was pirated while on a
return excursion to Macao? The
estimated valuables, including
personal belongings and cargo,
stolen by the desperadoes
totalled to somewhere near
\$200,000, and if my memory sup-
ports me, I think the matter of
meeting the losses sustained by
those who were unfortunate in
being victimised to the extent of
losing their personal property, was
discussed and a request was made
through the medium of the papers to
invite those who had any claims to
make, to forward to the company a
statement covering their losses.
However it seems as though the
action of the Steamboat Company
in dealing with the matter has
passed beyond all recognition in
as far as compensating is con-
cerned and I venture to ask
whether we will ever hear any more
in connection with the subject.
Nevertheless I make this plea in
the hope of the question being
brought to light for the sake of all
those who still linger with the
thought of receiving compensation
at some future date.

Thanking you for inserting this
letter in your valuable columns.

Yours etc.

VICTIM.

Hongkong, January 14.

[To the Editor of the China Mail.]

Sir.—Last night being one of the
audience which no doubt greatly
appreciated and admired the
latest of the Shavian productions
in "St. Joan," especially the lady
who took the leading role, and not
forgetting her with the inverted
cloven hoof upon his head, and the
other alongside him in black robes
and butcher's apron—I must say—
perhaps only think—that the
flourishing of the "Cross" in the
last act was a great mistake—
never intended by Mr. Shaw him-
self—in a city like Hongkong
surrounded as it is by a supposed-
pagan native population ever ready
to decry its rulers while laughing
at their attempts to Christianise
them and their brethren on the
island and on the mainland, vast
as that mainland is.

We have enough belittling of
our race in the cinema—with the
greatest help of America—by
flattering shadows across a screen,
revolver or automatic in hand,
robbing houses, killing innocents,
holding up trains and pirating
peaceful merchant ships. Yet
notwithstanding all this we
know in human flesh and
blood—in front of our Chi-
nese next-door neighbours—
flaunt the symbol of Christianity
—of the "Redeemer"—in the
hands of one of many Torquemadas
red with the foul murder of the
purest of the Pure sent to her
doom by the two so-called greatest
Christian nations of the world.

Where are we? What do we
do? Why send missionaries to
convert the heathen where in a
"Show" like last night we prove
ourselves to be that which we are
not; be we Romanist, Calvinist or
Episcopalian!

Yours, etc.
KNOCK-ABOUT.
Hongkong, January 14.

DROP TO DEATH.

**FATE OF YOUNG CHINESE
MAN.**

HIDDEN ROMANCE.

Cherchez la femme (look for
the woman) seems to be the only
conclusion to draw from the drop
to death of the young Chinese who
was picked up outside China
Building in the small hours of
yesterday morning.

As reported in yesterday's
"China Mail" the young man had
jumped or fallen from the roof of
the local skyscraper, occupied by
the South China Restaurant Co.
Subsequent investigations have
established his identity as that of
a son of the principal of the well-
known provision store of Nam
Hing Loong. Deceased was only
28 years of age; he is a widower
and leaves a son four years old.

On the body was a sum of over
\$7 and a letter from a Chinese
lady which gave the impression
that deceased was on more than
friendly terms with her.

Yesterday, a lady residing in
Peel Street, was asked to make a
statement to the Central Detective
Office.

Death is believed to have been
instantaneous after the drop of
over a hundred feet, and the un-
fortunate young man is stated to
have jumped over the parapet
enclosing the verandah of the
roof.

"SAINT JOAN."

HONGKONG A.D.C.'S SECOND NIGHT.

STRANGER'S IMPRESSIONS.

The Theatre Royal was again packed last night for the second night of the performance of "Saint Joan" by the Hongkong Amateur Dramatic Club, but it was the "first night" for many, including the writer, who also made his first introduction to amateur theatricals in Hongkong. In a friendly discussion before hand on the merits or demerits of local criticisms of local plays, the problem was propounded: is it altogether fair to expect the best critique from a local resident, irrespective of his claims or experience as a journalist or dramatic critic or amateur theatrical enthusiast? It was there that the writer "fell," being promptly invited to attend the second night's performance and give his impressions full play. It could certainly be an absolutely detached opinion, as all the members of the cast and all the organisers are total strangers, if an exception be made in the case of Sir Claude Severn, who was once seen and even spoken to, when he was Private Secretary to Sir John Anderson in the Straits Settlements one bright day between 1907 and 1911.

As a foreword, let it be said that the Colony is to be warmly congratulated on the existence of such a strong band of amateurs, with sufficient keenness and enthusiasm to keep the theatrical and dramatic flag flying for so many years, with only a break here and there in the long period of its existence since 1870. The present company also deserves more than a passing tribute for its boldness, to attempt, and its ability to stage, a piece such as George Bernard Shaw's "Saint Joan." It is a pity that the setting in the Theatre-Royal is not so comfortable as it might be for a three hours' sitting; and it is also unfortunate that the Amateur Dramatic Club could not have commandeered the services of Mr. Ray to supervise the lighting effects on the same scale as was in evidence the other night during the entertainment by the Pantomimists from H.M.S. "Durban."

From the rising of the curtain we were prepared to praise—rapturously, incessantly, unhesitatingly, demonstratively. But fair criticism never yet damned an amateur dramatic club and certainly it never could diminish the vim of such a talented company as Hongkong possesses at the present moment. Making allowances for the type of play and the type of dramatist, all-round better performances have been seen elsewhere. None of the artists last night was so super-human as some would have them. A few were what they were described on the programme—amateurs and nothing but amateurs. A few were very poor amateurs even. But, as no one throws away a wedding cake because of a stray ant, so the whole performance must not be adversely criticised, because of the failings of this or that exponent of the drama according to George Bernard Shaw.

Of course some of the faults cannot justly be attributed to members of the cast; these must be put down to the author. Especially does this hold good with some of the long perorations, which verged on boredom. The inquisitor was made to turn the "inquisition" on both his audience and himself by the long part he was set to recite and chant. And even the Bishop of Beauvais was disposed at times to clip his sentences and twist and turn others when he seemed just a little overdone.

Then there was and will be to-night the Earl of Warwick. He cannot be held responsible for his natural voice but whilst the uniform may be similar to that worn by Richard de Beauchamp, the voice was a stranger both to the uniform and to the Earl of Warwick. Then, too, the Steward of last night could not be the Steward of this play. The effort at age and bentness of figure was made, but the voice was not the voice of a Steward, nor were the hands the hands of the character in question.

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HIS FOREIGN WIFE.

LIVELY DOMESTIC STIR.

ECHOES IN COURT.

Before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Central Magistracy this morning, Mok Lu-man and his foreign wife (Mrs. Ella Schreyer), residing at No. 39, Lee Tung Street, appeared on two summonses for assaulting the Chinese wife of the first defendant. Both pleaded not guilty.

The complainant, who could not suppress her tears, stated in evidence that she visited the defendant's house at noon on New Year's Day to collect \$10 per month maintenance under an order made on October 3 last year. In the course of this visit it was alleged by the complainant that first defendant made a rush and struck her in the mouth and other parts of the body. She was told that no money would be given, and advised to take out a summons. She was bleeding from her nose as a result of the assault, and made a report at No. 1 Police Station.

The first defendant said that he was a reasonable man, but owing to the unwomanly conduct of the complainant (his first wife), he was obliged to go abroad, where in course of time he got married to his foreign wife. Defendant alleged that the complainant came in on New Year's Day while he was having his meal and refused to wait for the money until he had finished his meal. A scene was enacted in which an image was smashed by the complainant, who also pulled out a tuft of beard from the defendant's aged father.

After the evidence of the complainant's son, a little boy, His Worship said that he had no doubt that the complainant behaved in a very bad way, and he also had no reason to doubt that she had been assaulted. He would make an order for the complainant to make no more visits to the defendant's house and for the sum of \$10 under the maintenance order to be paid to the Magistrate's clerk every month.

The first defendant was not agreeable to this course, saying that the complainant had promised to leave him alone by living in Canton but had not done so.

Mok Sau-sam, the aged father of the first defendant, was then assisted into the witness box. Witness described her daughter-in-law (the complainant) as a very bad woman and corroborated the story of a portion of his beard being pulled out.

A further offer by the Magistrate for settlement as suggested, did not satisfy the first defendant, and both summonses and a cross-summons against the complainant were adjourned until to-morrow for the appearance of the Inspector in charge of the No. 1 Police Station at the time.

SENSATIONAL.

LATEST EGYPTIAN SURPRISE.

(Reuter's Service.)

CAIRO, January 14

A political sensation has been caused by the latest and most important defection from the Wafd in the person of Mohamed Said Pasha who intends standing for the elections as an independent.

Said Pasha was Premier in 1919. Later he was Minister in the Zaghlul Government in which he was acting Prime Minister when Zaghlul came to England last year.

An English firm, it is understood, will be entrusted with the construction at Seville, of the largest airship factory in the world. The Spanish directory is about to establish an air line from Seville to Buenos Ayres, and the scheme includes the provision of a workmen's city capable of housing many thousand families. The airship, it is stated, will be under the supervision of a Frenchman.

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RAILWAY SMASH.

FRIGHTFUL SCENES AT HERNE.

HEAVY TOLL.

PASSENGERS REDUCED TO PULP.

(Reuter's Service.)

Berlin, January 13.

Numbers were killed and injured in a railway disaster at Westphalia this morning, when the express from Berlin to Cologne came into collision with a stationary train at Herne station. So far, twenty-one bodies have been extricated from the wreckage.

TWENTY-THREE KILLED.

The disaster was due to the driver of the express failing to see the danger signal owing to the fog and darkness.

Twenty-three persons were killed and fifty injured, all of whom were passengers in the stationary train.

The collision was so violent that twelve people in the last coach were smashed to pulp, and would only be identified through documents in their pockets. All the occupants of the last two coaches were killed instantly.

Subsequent scenes were most harrowing, the station being littered with bloodstained debris. A most pathetic incident was that in which a child with her arm torn off, was searching for her dead mother.

OTHER ACCIDENTS.

A similar accident occurred at Hettlingen station in the Ruhr, in which three persons were killed and several injured; whilst five persons were injured in an accident at Duisburg, through a light engine colliding with a passenger train.

SUBMARINE ASHORE.

AMERICAN VESSEL IN GRAVE DANGER.

JUST OVERHAULED.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Chatham (Chas.), Jan. 13.

The United States submarine S19 has gone ashore at Naussett Beach in a fog.

A wireless message states that the crew are safe below and have battered down the hatches. The vessel is expected to refloat.

HEAVY SEAS.

Chatham, later.

The S19 has wireless that her position has become dangerous owing to heavy seas breaking over the bridge. The vessel listed twenty degrees.

The submarine, with five officers and 35 men, commanded by Lieutenant Martin, left Portsmouth (New Hampshire) navy yard yesterday afternoon, after a thorough overhaul, en route to the submarine base at New London to be recommissioned.

FRENCH PREMIER.

FIRST CABINET MEETING.

NOW-FEELING FIT.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, January 13.

M. Herriot, the Premier, for the first time since his illness attended a Cabinet meeting, at which M. Clement made a statement on the progress of the Finance Conference.

M. Herriot, who is now very fit, subsequently attended the Chamber of Deputies.

U.S. POLITICS.

AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, January 13.

From White House there is no official statement that comes in substance in the reports that the change in the Secretaryship of State will lead to a modification of Mr. Hughes's foreign policy.

CHINA'S WARS.

SHANGHAI SITUATION EASIER.

(Courtesy Daily Bulletin.)

Shanghai, January 13.

The situation was considerably eased to-day when about 2,000 men, constituting the remainder of Chang Yuen-ming's army, surrendered their arms to the foreign authorities, and were allowed to enter the French Settlement.

Practically the whole of Chang Yuen-ming's army, with a few of Chen Lo-shan's men, totalling about 8,000, are now interned in two detention camps in the French Settlement.

TOKYO FIRE.

ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL DESTROYED.

ALL PATIENTS SAFE.

(Courtesy "Daily Bulletin.")

Tokyo, January 13.

St. Luke's International Hospital was totally destroyed by fire, the cause of which is unknown, including the records and stores.

As far as can be ascertained there were no casualties. The building was a temporary structure.

A strong wind was blowing at the time. It is understood that there were 120 patients, including a few foreigners, who were safely removed to an open space behind the hospital.

The Marines and staff of the Paymasters' College in the neighbourhood assisted the firemen. Dr. Teusler, head of the Hospital, is now returning from America.

Later.

Two small isolation wards of the hospital escaped the flames. All the patients, totalling 130, including five foreigners, are safe.

The original building, which was destroyed by fire in September, 1923, after which the hospital was operated for some months in army tent-shelters while temporary quarters were being erected, and which was completed in September, 1924, is now completely gutted.

FRENCH CHAMBER.

PAINLEVE RE-ELECTED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, January 13.

M. Painleve has been re-elected President of the Chamber of Deputies by 313 votes to 24. The Opposition abstained from voting.

IRISH FREE STATE.

STRENGTH OF THE ARMY.

(Reuter's Service.)

Dublin, January 13.

An official statement gives the strength of the Free State Army as 15,703, showing that 40,000 officers and men have been demobilised in eighteen months.

MISSING SHIPS.

FIVE IN THREE MONTHS.

The fact that five ships of various nations were reported as missing in three months is recorded in the returns of ships totally lost, condemned, etc., during the quarter ended June 30 of this year, as reported up to October 30, issued by Lloyd's Register of Shipping.

Of these Great Britain and Ireland had one, under the category of steamers and motorships, and France and Japan one each of the same class of ship. One sailing ship of the British Dominions and one from Germany were likewise reported as missing.

In the table dealing with steamers and motorships it is shown that Great Britain lost 13, the British Dominions 9, the United States 5, France and Norway 4 each, Japan 7, Germany and Italy 3 each, and Greece, Spain and Denmark 1 each. The total lost under this heading was 57, with a total tonnage of 95,205.

Under the heading of sailing ships lost, etc., the United States top the list with 7, Great Britain and Ireland had only 1, the British Dominions and France 4 each, and Germany 3. The total was 23, representing 20,847 tons.

BATTLE CENTENARY.

PERU HOLDS CELEBRATION.—On December 9 Peru celebrated the centennial of the Battle of Ayacucho. The battle marked the end of Spanish power in the New World, and the date is looked upon as one of the greatest in the history of South America.

ROBBERS BEWARE!

THE CASE OF EVERETT V. WILLIAMS.

AUDACIOUS HIGHWAYMEN.

The daring methods employed by smugglers and robbers in the neighbourhood of Hongkong is often the subject of comment but none of them has risen to such heights of audacity as two highwaymen, particulars of whose cases have been sent to the "China Mail" by Mr. W. B. Hind, of G.K. Hall Brutton and Co., who thought they would be of interest to readers.

The suit, which was instituted by one highwayman against another for an account of their plunder and is known as Everett V. Williams, has been cited by Mr. Hind himself in the Hongkong Courts in support of the contention that accounts cannot be claimed in regard to illegal partnerships.

The bill stated that the plaintiff was "skilled in dealing in several commodities, such as plate, rings, watches, etc., that the defendant applied to him to become a partner; that they entered into partnership, and it was agreed that they should equally provide all sorts of necessities, such as horses, saddles, bridles and that they proceeded jointly in the said business with good success on Kounslow Heath, where they dealt with a gentleman for a gold watch! Understanding that Middlesex was a good place to deal in and that commodities were very plentiful at Finchley they made a move there and dealt with several gentlemen for divers watches, rings, swords, canes, hats, cloaks, horses, bridles, saddles and other things."

When other particulars were given in court as to these questionable dealings, it hardly remains to be said that the case was dismissed with costs, to be paid by the counsel who so far descended from grace as to accept the briefs. The plaintiff and defendant were, it is said, both hanged, and one of the solicitors for the plaintiff transported for life.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVALS.

Per C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" on January 14.—Dr. G. Bryson, Mr. L. E. Dumas, Miss S. G. Farrar, Mr. and Mrs. F. Hart, Mr. E. Hosper, Mrs. M. E. Judd, Mr. G. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Stanle, Mr. H. Smith, Mr. L. Yates, Mrs. de A. T. Castro, Mr. L. Chautonal, Mr. R. Cuevas, Mrs. T. H. Charter, Miss A. E. T. Charter, Miss E. M. Charter, Miss L. K. Cooper, Mr. O. Chuidian, Miss E. Cooper, Mr. N. P. Dam, Mrs. N. T. T. Dam, Miss M. Fleming, Mr. E. J. Haber, Dr. A. Marasjian, Mr. Ong Tin Tong, Mr. Ong Guan Tong, Mr. Quar Hee, Mr. J. V. del Rosario, Mr. Richard Reynolds, Miss M. Reynolds, Miss J. P. Ryan, Miss C. Salvador, Mrs. F. V. de Salvador, Miss A. M. Tompkins, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Blaisdell, Mr. M. Barrios, Miss F. Flores, Mr. M. Galos, Mr. Jew Wan, Mr. and Mrs. R. Loret, Miss C. Loret, Messrs B. C. Madamba, Ng Kee, I. Oliva, A. Pascua, Quan King-at and I. Sebab.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

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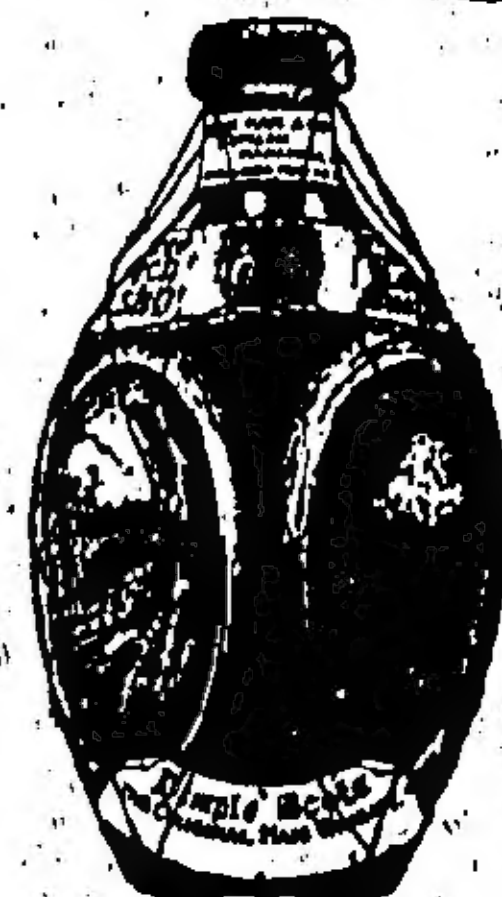
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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A dance will be held at the Craigengower Cricket Club on Saturday night, January 17.

There will be a musicale at the Helena May Institute for Members and their friends on Thursday, January 22nd, at 4.30 p.m. Tickets should be booked in advance, 50 cents each, obtainable from the Secretary.

At yesterday's committee meeting of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, it was mentioned that the Chamber had written to the Captain Superintendent of Police for an extension of hours for cigarette hawkers to 11 o'clock at night instead of 10 o'clock as at present. A reply is expected in a few days.

The "China Mail" has received a number of artistic Chinese calendars from Messrs. W. G. Humphreys & Co., announcing their Sperry hours and breakfast foods.

The staff of the Canton Municipal Hospital went on strike, but are now back at work owing to the intervention of the Commissioner of Public Health, according to the "Canton Gazette." The strike is said to have been called as a demonstration to demand payment for arrears of salary.

It is understood that the scheme for extending the Hongkong Hotel will not be proceeded with yet, and that the ground floor of the newly acquired building, which was formerly occupied by the Alexandra Café, will shortly be available for rent. The first and second floors are being used as the administrative and clerical offices of the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels Ltd., and allied companies.

The estimates for 1925 provide for material increases in the Hongkong Police Force. The increase, sanctioned on account of the constantly-increasing population, with its attendant increase in crime, comprises 10 Europeans, 60 Indians and 140 Chinese and will bring the total effective strength of the Force to 1,625. A new Superintendent, Mr. Scott, has been appointed.

The Bible Study Circle at the Helena May Institute will be conducted by Mrs. H. L. Clift on Friday, at 10.30 a.m. The meeting is open to all women.

Newer and bigger tramcars for the Peak are foreshadowed by the invitation of tenders, by the Peak Tramway company. This, it is thought, will cope with any congestion which takes place at the busy hours of the day.

The P. and O. mail boat Kalsar-Hind arrived at Tilbury on December 26 after a record voyage from Bombay. Her new time from Gibraltar to Plymouth is 61 hrs. 17 mins.

A correspondent writes to the North Borneo "Herald":—I killed a small green snake with a peculiar heart-shaped head and with white bars across its back, which was hanging in a crevice on the wall of my house. This is said to be one of the most deadly snakes in the country and is, I believe, of the same kind that bit Mr. Dale some years ago at Sandakan, with very nearly fatal results. This snake has a habit of suspending itself in low bushes or creepers where, if startled, it strikes at whoever is passing by. I was quite near it before it was seen by my wife, shortly before some painters had been working at the spot.

A motoring accident which might easily have had serious consequences occurred a fortnight ago on the Kuala Lumpur road, one mile from Klang. It appears Mr. Langworthy, O.C.P.D. Kuala Lumpur, was returning from Klang with Mr. Teswill in a down-pour of rain when he saw another car approaching. On taking a curve Mr. Langworthy's car skidded. He got the car under control however, but almost immediately it skidded again and went down the side of the road, completely turning turtle and pinning the occupants underneath. Mr. Hussey, O.C.P.D. Klang, who was returning to his station saw the accident and at once went to their assistance. Fortunately none of the occupants of the car was injured seriously.

One case of enteric fever Chinese, was notified yesterday.

Li Ching-lin has informed the Ministry of Communications that he has appointed a detachment of soldiers and gendarmes to protect the trains between Peking and Tientsin, states a "Daily Bulletin" cable from Peking.

According to a "Daily Bulletin" cable from Peking, a Chihling Mandate instructs the Ministers of Interior, Finance and Commerce to institute measures to prohibit so-called prize bonds.

An Indian anti-piracy guard of the river steamer "Anjou" was cautioned at the Marine Court yesterday, for being absent from his ship at Wuchow on January 6. He missed the ship because it sailed earlier than usual.

In an armed robbery committed yesterday afternoon, two women inmates of No. 8, Woosung Street, Yaumati, were decoyed to an unnumbered house and there deprived of their personal property amounting to \$217. Two men were concerned, one of whom had a revolver. The Police arrested both the men a little later, and most of the property was recovered.

Mr. W. H. Mallory of the International Famine Relief Commission in Peking has outlined the method adopted to meet the situation resulting from the recent floods in North China. Co-operation of all Chinese relief agencies has been effected in order that duplication of effort may be avoided. The American Red Cross has undertaken to deal with situations requiring immediate attention, while the International Famine Relief Commission has assumed the task of feeding the population in areas which will be without food until the next harvest. In the flooded areas of the Province of Chihli the autumn crop has been entirely destroyed and the rate of run-off of the water is so slow that the planting of winter wheat is impossible. This means that these people will not have another crop until the autumn of 1925.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. H. Ashworth Hopé, of Ipoh, has left for Europe. He goes to Switzerland.

Dr. J. B. Fearn, manager of the General Hospital, Shanghai, has departed on a trip around the world, expecting to return to Shanghai in about six or seven months.

The wedding has taken place at Home of Mr. W. E. Speers, Commissioner of Police, Kedah, and Meta, only daughter of Captain and Mrs. McKinty, Coreen, Prince's Gardens, Larne.

Mr. F. W. Barrow, who has already paid one visit to Borneo to advise upon the railway, recently arrived from home on his second visit. He precedes the Hon. Mounstuart Biphinstone, managing director of the Chartered Company, by three weeks or so.

At a masonic installation at Negri Sembilan Lodge, Seremban, when Mr. A. B. Cross was installed Master for the ensuing year, over a hundred masons from all districts were present, including Sir Malcolm Watson, D.G.M., Middle-East, Scottish Constitution. The installation was followed by a banquet.

The engagement is announced of Miss Janet Warren of Tokyo and Mr. Joseph Titcomb Chairman of Kennebunkport, Maine. Mr. Chairman expects to arrive at Tokyo from the States in early February when the marriage will take place. A honeymoon trip in Japan, to Honolulu, and through the Panama Canal is planned, after which they will make their home in Andover, Mass.

The death at the age of 72 is announced of Captain Frederick Ludwig Sommer, in his native town of Bonn, Germany. The late Captain Sommer was born on June 2, 1851. He joined the Nippon Yusen Kaisha in 1885 as chief officer, was given command of a ship two years later, and was successively in command of the "Hiroshima Maru," "Hyogo Maru," "Sakuma Maru," "Mikie Maru," "Takasago Maru," "Nagato Maru," "Kumamoto Maru," "Omi Maru," "Tenshin Maru," "Hakata Maru," "Kumano Maru," "Bigo Maru," "Kamo Maru," and "Mishima Maru." He retired from the service on August 23, 1917, but lived in Yokohama until 1922, when he left for Europe. Captain Sommer held the Meritorious Service Medal of the N.Y.K. and the Fourth Class Order of the Sacred Treasure.

Mr. A. G. Macdonald, Assistant Warden of Mines, Perak, has been appointed to act as Warden of Mines, Perak.

Mr. Raper, Assistant District Officer, Teluk Anson, is going home shortly on sick leave. Mr. Raper is accompanying her husband.

The "Morning Post" says it is believed that Baron Hayashi will retire shortly and return to Japan. Viscount Ishii and Baron Matsui are mentioned as possible successors, says a Reuter's cablegram.

Mr. Houghton, the American Ambassador at Berlin, has indicated his willingness to accept the Ambassadorship in London in succession to Mr. Kellogg, states a Reuter's message from Washington.

Mr. August Belmont, whose death was recently announced, was the millionaire owner of Tracery and Zev. He was head of the New York banking firm of August Belmont and Co.

Mr. F. Bolton, of Sir W. G. Armstrong Whitworth and Co., Ltd., who has been exploring the possibilities of hydro-electric power in the Perak river under the concession granted to the company by the F.M.S. Government, left for home from Penang on January 4.

Mr. Hughes, asked whether his resignation from the office of Secretary of State of the United States foreshadowed an intention on his part to become a candidate for the Presidency four years hence, indicated that he had no further political ambitions. He stated that he desired to devote his time to professional work and would resume his law practice after a short holiday, states a Reuter's cablegram from Atlanta.

The Archbishop of Canton, the Rt. Rev. Metel, was given a reception at the residence of Tawky Kok Choo-guan and Mrs. Kok Chong-sun, Pudu, Federated Malay States. The Rev. Father LeMahec, of the Church of St. Anthony, Robertson-road, accompanied his lordship, who later fulfilled other engagements. A dinner party was held in the evening.

Mr. C. H. G. Clarke has been appointed to officiate as Second Magistrate, Singapore.

Lady Rycroft, wife of the Governor of British North Borneo, was a passenger to Singapore by the s.s. "Morea."

The death is announced at the age of 97 of Dr. George Downing Living, President of St. John's College, Cambridge.

The death has occurred of Mr. Eric Chapman at the age of 60 years. He was formerly manager at Colombo of the Madura Company.

Comte Martel, the new French Minister to China, arrived in Shanghai with his family on Sunday. The party will leave for Peking tomorrow.

The wedding took place in Sourabaya on November 29, of Miss Carla Hedemann, daughter of Lieutenant Colonel Hedemann of Copenhagen, and Mr. H. Chester Walsh, British Vice-Consul, Sourabaya.

The marriage took place at St. Mary's Church, Kuala Lumpur, a fortnight ago, the Rev. B. C. Roberts officiating, of Mr. John Douglas Dalley, of the F.M.S. Police and Miss Margaret Capel Layard, sister-in-law of Mr. G. A. De Moubay, of the F.M.S. Civil Service.

Among the passengers on the P. & O. "Morea" were Dr. and Mrs. Robert Liddell of the London Missionary Society who are on their way to China. During their short stay in Singapore they were the guests of Dr. Lim Han Hoe. Dr. Liddell is the brother of the British Olympic Champion, Eric Liddell, who is now at Edinburgh University.

The Rev. Mr. D. G. M. Leith, of the Wesleyan Mission, was drowned in the sea at Egmore, a suburb of Madras, on December 27. The deceased, Mrs. Leith and children and a party of friends went to bathe in the lagoons. Suddenly the Rev. Mr. Leith was swept into a deep whirlpool. He did not know how to swim and disappeared. An immediate search was made and Miss Horwood found the body in shallow water.

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OPIUM CONFERENCE.

SIR JORN JORDAN'S VISION.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, January 13. Sir Jorn Jordan, in a letter to the "Times," expresses the opinion that one way in which the Powers can properly show a sympathetic attitude towards China is with reference to opium suppression. He presumes that the Conference re-assembling at Geneva on January 19 will revise the abortive arrangement reached at the first Conference with regard to prepared opium. The worst flaw of that agreement was that it left China entirely out of the picture and only tended to stabilise the existing state of things in the Far East possessions of the Powers. This was especially unfair to Britain and China, as it ignored the splendid work they had done in common during the ten years of opium suppression in China and closed the door to further co-operation of the kind.

China was the *font et origo* of the whole opium movement and Chinese action is still the governing factor in the Far Eastern situation. Any new arrangement should include China and make her jointly responsible with the Powers for the successful solution of the problem. The American proposals for a ten year limit may require to be considerably amplified and made more elastic so as to admit of a reduction by graduated stages *part passu* with the progress of future suppression in China.

Sir John Jordan concludes by saying these suggestions may seem visionary, but so were the British and Chinese proposals in 1907, which produced almost unparalleled results and for which the Chinese Government and people never ceased to express deep gratitude to Britain.

AN ULTIMATUM.

BRITISH RAILWAYMEN'S ACTION.

NO RESERVE UNITS.

London, January 13. Twenty thousand railwaymen were represented at a meeting at Chester yesterday evening, when a resolution was passed demanding the railway companies to withdraw, within twenty-four hours, the "indulgent" notice to raise technical units for a regular army of supplementary reserve, which, according to the secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen, would be liable to be called out to aid civil power, thus endangering the railwaymen in an industrial dispute with the Railway Companies Association.

Meanwhile the secretary ridicules the suggestion that the corps should be used for strike-breaking.

"The order to establish a reserve army of technical craftmen was issued by the Labour Government, and signed by the late Member of the Cabinet, Mr. Walsh," Reuter.

ALLEGED BRIBERY.

EN-GOVERNOR CHARGED.

Topaka (Kunming), January 13. Governor Davis, whose term of office expired last month, appeared in court to answer a warrant charging him and his son, Russell Davis, with accepting \$1,250 dollars for the pardon of a banker convicted of forgery, to whom the Governor granted a pardon.

Governor Davis denied any connection with the transaction and declared that his son was deceived by political enemies. Davis was a candidate for nomination to the Democratic Convention last year.

CHINESE POLITICS.

TITLE PORTLY YUNG-HSIANG.

Peking, January 13. The Cabinet to-day has been debating the question whether Marshal Lu Yung-hsiang shall be appointed Tapan of Kiangsu, which is contemplated in order to give him a military position compatible with hostilities against General Chi Hsi-chun.

It is understood some of the Cabinet Ministers are opposed to this appointment on the ground that it will conflict with the provisional Government's avowed policy.

Official circles to-day are most reticent regarding the Shanghai situation, while the public is more uneasy as regards the danger of hostilities spreading.

ROXOR

"ROSITA"—A TRIUMPH.

CROWDED HOUSES AT THE CORONET.

"A new Mary Pickford," said the cinema critics of America when they first saw the private view of "Rosita." And yet she has lost none of the charm that has earned for her the name of "Queen of the Screen."

It may be true that "Rosita" unfolds a new Mary Pickford; but this is true only inasmuch as it presents that popular young lady in a rôle entirely different from the average one that helped to enshrine her in the popular imagination. Nor does "Rosita" tend in the slightest degree to mar or diminish that popularity. In fact, even the foremost critics—who are paid for writing the truth, whether that be appreciated or otherwise by film companies and film directors—are unanimous that never has Mary Pickford been seen to better advantage than in this thrilling picture and story of old Spain. As the ragged street maiden; as the replica of Cinderella; and as the maiden beyond reproach she carries the audience with her, each and all ready to applaud her latest work as the finest and most skilful they have seen from Mary Pickford.

Nothing is to be gained by praising a picture just because Mary Pickford takes the principal rôle—were it possible for her name to be erased from the posters and newspaper advertisements and were it possible for her identity to be disguised, "Rosita" would still be regarded as a picture among pictures.

"Rosita" will be shown at the Coronet this evening and from tomorrow till Saturday it may be seen at the Star, in Kowloon. There are no increases in the prices of admission to see this expensive picture.

PICTURE POINTS.

FROM "THE YELLOW STAIN" AT THE STAR.

Last night of "The Yellow Stain" at the Star to-night. One of the best Fox productions seen for a long time.

The popular idol of the screen, John Gilbert, takes an unusually striking rôle.

He sets up "on his own," as a lawyer in a village in the timber country, but finds more battles than briefs.

The town is ruled unmercifully by a bully and tyrant, unscrupulous to a degree, who gloats over the number of men he has brought to ruin.

The hero might have made thousands had he consented to be retained as the tyrant's lawyer, but he refused—at the point of his foot.

Donald Keith (John Gilbert) gets a rude and sudden notice to quit, and is informed that the train will be ready in ten minutes.

See the reel in which Donald tries to reform the village drunk—once the richest man of the town, but reduced to the gutter by the town's bully.

Add see the part depicting the blowing up of a dam, which prevented many million feet of lumber getting to the market.

Then sit enthralled with the trial of the villain of the piece, the evidence of whose guilt is such that even a crook judge must pass sentence.

Finally, stay to the end of the picture and see the meeting of Donald and his sweetheart, the daughter of the tyrant's right-hand man.

Truly, a picture worth going to the Star Theatre to-night to see.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

"WITHIN THE LAW."

Last Showings To-day.

Jack Mulhall, a star in his own right, plays opposite Norma Talmadge in "Within The Law." His work is of such fine calibre that he is of the most sought after juveniles in motion pictures. "Within The Law" was first produced as a stage play by the Selwyns in 1912 at the Eltinge Theatre in New York, and nine companies were sent on the road. The play grossed five million dollars and royalties alone were over seven hundred thousand dollars. The screen version of this play, prepared by Frances Marion, is expected to be one of the outstanding hits for 1925. This super-production by First National Pictures is showing for the last time in the Queen's Theatre to-day at 5.15 and 9.15 p.m. performances and it's a picture not to be missed.

ELLIS KADOORIE SCHOOL FOR INDIANS.

ANNUAL PRIZE DAY.

SIR CLAUD SEVERN PRESIDES.

The Ellis Kadoorie School for Indians at Sookkumpo was on fête this forenoon, the occasion being the annual distribution of prizes to the students.

Sir Claud Severn presided and distributed the prizes. There were also present Mr. E. Ralphs (Inspector of English Schools) and a number of parents and well-wishers of the school.

The following interesting report was read by Mr. A. R. Sutherland, the head-master.

Attendance.—During the year which ended on 30th November, 1924, the school was opened 223 times as compared with 205 times for the eleven months of the previous school year. The maximum enrolment decreased from 101 to 98, the average attendance from 94.18 last year to 90.5 this year.

The Staff.—Mr. Hardit Singh went on leave to India on October 8, and Mr. Tam Tak-pui took his place as a temporary master.

Building.—During the summer vacation the school building was completely overhauled and painted by the P.W.D. flush system closets were completed in March.

Discipline.—Discipline continues to be good both in school and in the playgrounds. The prefects have been of great assistance.

Studies.—At the annual examination 10 boys in Class 4 passed out of 12 examined. 70 out of 74 of the rest of the classes passed, 8 boys in 8B were not examined as they were still learning the alphabet.

Reading, colloquial, and recitation are good throughout the school. Dictation is much better.

All written work is improving. Arithmetic is fair. Grammar is not good.

Urdu reading and writing are good. Urdu colloquial is improving.

Games.—Every boy in the school plays game. Cricket, football in winter and tennis and ping pong in the hot weather and on rainy days. Playing these games in the healthy atmosphere of the school playgrounds does much to keep up the high standard of health that these boys enjoy.

Our annual school sports were held on March 27. The prizes were distributed by our old friend Mr. U. R. Munniah. Our thanks are due to the Indian Recreation Club for the use of their ground and the gentlemen who very generously subscribed towards the prizes. (The Wing On Co. and The Sun Co. presented cups.) Mr. A. Hyder, an old pupil, presented a gold medal for the Champion Athlete of the year. This was won by Nur Ahmed.

Garden.—The garden suffered very heavily during the summer rains and at one time was completely covered with about 2½ feet of sand which was washed down from the hill side. This was cleared away by the P.W.D. in October so that we are just beginning to get the garden in order again. The pupils still continue to take great interest in it.

Conclusion.—During the year we had a visit from Mr. Kadoorie, a brother of the late Sir Ellis Kadoorie. He very kindly presented us with the framed enlargement of his brother's photograph which now hangs on the wall and also 2 challenge cups to be competed for yearly. At present in this school 32 boys receive free education apart from 4 Government scholars. This is due to the generosity of the late Sir Ellis Kadoorie. Mr. Rummah, Mr. Nemaze and Mr. Arculli, to whom our thanks are due. We have to thank Mr. Cassim Ahmed for his yearly donation of \$15 towards school prizes.

I have to thank the whole staff for their loyal co-operation throughout the year.

Now I wish to convey the thanks of the whole school to Sir Claud Severn who has again honoured us with his presence and who has always shown a keen interest in the school.

Sir Claud Severn, in a brief speech, expressed his pleasure at having been called upon to distribute the prizes. He was glad to see that the garden, which had suffered so much from sand washed down the hill side during the summer rains, had improved. With the building of new buildings and opening of roads on the hill side, a certain amount of wash was inevitable. He was also pleased to learn that the discipline of the school was good, and that the boys were doing well in their games. With the opening of the new Queen's College on the other side of Sookkumpo Valley, the site for which was now being prepared, he hoped the boys will look forward with great interest to the time when they will be able to pass out of the present school to the new one. Reference was made to the sad death of Mr. Mahmood Bin Sufian, who had three of his sons in the school.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised in The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

January 14.—Coronet Theatre: "Rosita."

January 14.—Star Theatre: "The Yellow Stain."

January 14.—Queen's Theatre: "Within The Law."

January 14.—World Theatre: "The Demi-Virgins."

January 14.—Hongkong A.D.C.'s production, "St. Joan," 4.30 p.m.

January 15, 16, and 17.—Hongkong A.D.C.'s production, "St. Joan," 9 p.m.

January 16.—Bible Study, Circle at Helena May Institute, 10.30 a.m.

January 17.—Dance at Craig-gower Club.

January 22.—Musical at Helena May Institute, 4.30 p.m.

January 23.—Fancy Dress Ball in the Grill Room, Hongkong Hotel, 8 p.m. to midnight.

January 31.—Hongkong Boxing Association, tournament in City Hall.

February 16-17-18-21.—Hongkong Jockey Club Annual Race Meetings.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS. January 15.—Lammert Bros., at Sales Room, miscellaneous goods, 11 a.m.

January 16.—Lammert Bros., at Sales Room, postage stamps, 5.15 p.m.

COMPANY MEETINGS. January 17.—First ordinary meeting of the Hongkong Development, Building and Savings Society, Ltd., at the City Hall, Hall, noon.

February 2.—Twenty-seventh annual meeting of the Star Ferry Co., at Messrs. Jardine, Matheson's, at noon.

OTHER MEETINGS. January 14.—Lecture on "Memory" at the H.K. Lodge Theosophical Society, 16, Queen's Road Central, 5.45 p.m.

January 22.—Extraordinary general meeting of the H.K. Jockey Club, H.K. Club annex, 5.30 p.m.

January 30.—Annual meeting of shareholders and subscribers of St. John's Cathedral, in the Cathedral Hall, 5.45 p.m.

OUTRAGE NEAR BOMBAY.

SEQUEL TO KIDNAPPING ROMANCE.

(Reuter's Service.)

BOMBAY, January 13. The Pathan menace is causing apprehension. An outrage, the motive of which is unknown, was perpetrated in the Malabar Hill residential quarter yesterday evening, when a gang attacked a motor car, containing Abdul Kadir Daria, a wealthy citizen and a Mohammedan member of the Bombay Corporation, who was accompanied by a lady and his British manager.

The firing attracted four British officers who rushed to the rescue. A lieutenant, although badly wounded, captured one of the assailants, while another, shooting off a revolver indiscriminately, to prevent pursuit, escaped.

Abdul Kadir and the lady, who were seriously wounded, died of their wounds. The lieutenant and the British manager were admitted to hospital suffering from revolver and knife wounds.

THE WOMAN. BOMBAY, later. The object of yesterday's outrage appears to have been the abduction of the woman, who was named Mumtaz Begum. She originally was attached to the Maharajah of Indore's Durbar, came to Bombay, met Abdul Kadir, and refused offers to return to Indore.

The prizes were then distributed by Sir Claud Severn, who received three rousing cheers at the close. The prize-winners were:—

Class 4.—Mr. Rummah Abbas, Dux of School, Composition Prize, Government Scholarship in Urdu Class I; Teja Singh, 1st in Urdu Class I; Class 5.—Harban Singh, 1st in class, Composition Prize, Government Scholarship for 1 year; Ali Ahmed, Writing.

Class 6.—For Dill, 1st in class, Writing; A. M. Rummah, Composition; Gucharan Singh, Urdu Class III.

Class 7.—Ikbal Singh, 1st in class, Composition Prize; S. M. Rummah, Writing; Mohd. Sherif, Urdu.

Class 8A.—Majid Rahman, 1st in class, Composition Prize; Omar Hosen, Writing; Man Singh, Urdu.

Class 8B.—A. Karamat, 1st in class; M. Wahid, 2nd in class; A. Mannan Abbas, Urdu.

SEARCHING NATIVES.

SENSIBLE IDEA FROM CHINESE.

EUROPEAN CONTROL.

At yesterday's monthly meeting of the Committee of the Hongkong Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, a resolution was passed to the effect that the Hon. Mr. Chow Shou-son and the Hon. Mr. E. H. Kotewall, the Chinese Unofficial Members of the Legislative Council, be requested to approach the Government in connection with the present wholesale searching of natives in the streets as part of the campaign to prevent China New Year crime.

Mr. Ho Lu drew attention to the fact that Chinese detectives are apt to take rather high-handed action, at times, especially when dealing with compatriots and that in the interests of the community, all search parties should be under the control of a European officer as proof of the plain-clothes searchers' bona fides.

Mr. Ho mentioned an incident outside his shop in Queen's Street, in which a shroff, naturally loaded up with money at this time of the year, doubted the detective's authority, and a misunderstanding arose. Addressing the Chamber's committee, Mr. Ho said that the public could not differentiate between a bogus search party and a posse of Chinese detectives. With such large sums being carried about at this time of the year, there was added inducement to bad characters to pose as searchers and hold up shroffs. Accordingly, he made the suggestion outlined.

The resolution was passed unanimously and the Chinese representatives on the Legislative Council will be asked to communicate with the Government.

WHO'S WHO.

CHINA COAST SHIPPING CHANGES.

LATEST "GAZETTE."

Latest changes in China Coast shipping personnel, as announced in the current issue of "Shipping and Engineering," are as follow:—

Captain J. Gibbs, of "Szechuen," is on leave.

Captain J. Clark, from reserve, has gone master, "Szechuen."

Mr. J. A. C. Madge, second officer, "Pakhol," has resigned.

Mr. J. M. Kinlay, second officer, "Chihli," has gone second officer, "Pakhol."

Mr. C. L. Tiburn, second engineer, "Whangpu," has gone second engineer, "Shansi."

Mr. W. Sharp, second engineer, "Shansi," has gone second engineer, "Whangpu."

Mr. C. Gray, second engineer, "Fengtien," has gone second engineer, "Chinkiang."

Mr. R. D. Thompson, from reserve, has gone second engineer, "Fengtien."

Captain T. M. Meyrick, of the "Kingsing," is on leave.

Captain E. V. Bishop, from reserve, has gone master, "Kingsing."

Captain D. Christie, of the "Kutwo," has gone master, "Kungwo."

Mr. J. H. Smith, chief officer, "Changwo," has gone master, "Kutwo."

Mr. J. W. Whyte, third engineer, "Tuckwo," has resigned.

Mr. J. Fry, from reserve, has gone third engineer, "Tuckwo."

Mr. D. Summers, second officer, "Kingsing," has resigned.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

KOWLOON GOLF CLUB.

Opening of the Course by H. E. The Governor and H. E. The General Officer Commanding on 18th Jan. 1925 at 3 p.m.

ARRANGEMENTS have been made to convey guests by a special motor bus leaving Tsimshui at 2.15 p.m. for Kowloon City, where rickshaws will be available in the event of anyone being unable to travel by above, the regular buses, etc. will be met by rickshaws at Kowloon City.

WM. PATERSON, Hon. Secretary.

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THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on TUESDAY, 10th FEBRUARY, 1925, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1924.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from Friday, 23rd January, to Tuesday, 10th February, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors, L. S. GREENHILL, Secretary.

Hongkong, 13th January, 1925.

THE HONGKONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS. THE ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 4a, Des Voeux Road, on THURSDAY, 19th FEBRUARY, 1925, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Thursday 5th February, to Thursday 19th February, 1925, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors, JOHN ARNOLD, Secretary.

Hongkong, 14th January 1925.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE Directors of the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation announce that, subject to audit, the Dividend and Bonus for the Half Year ending 31st December 1924 will be—

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Hongkong, 13th January, 1925.

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By Order of the Committee, A. NISSIM, Secretary.

Hongkong, 23rd November, 1924.

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By Order of the Committee, A. NISSIM, Secretary.

Hongkong, 23rd November, 1924.

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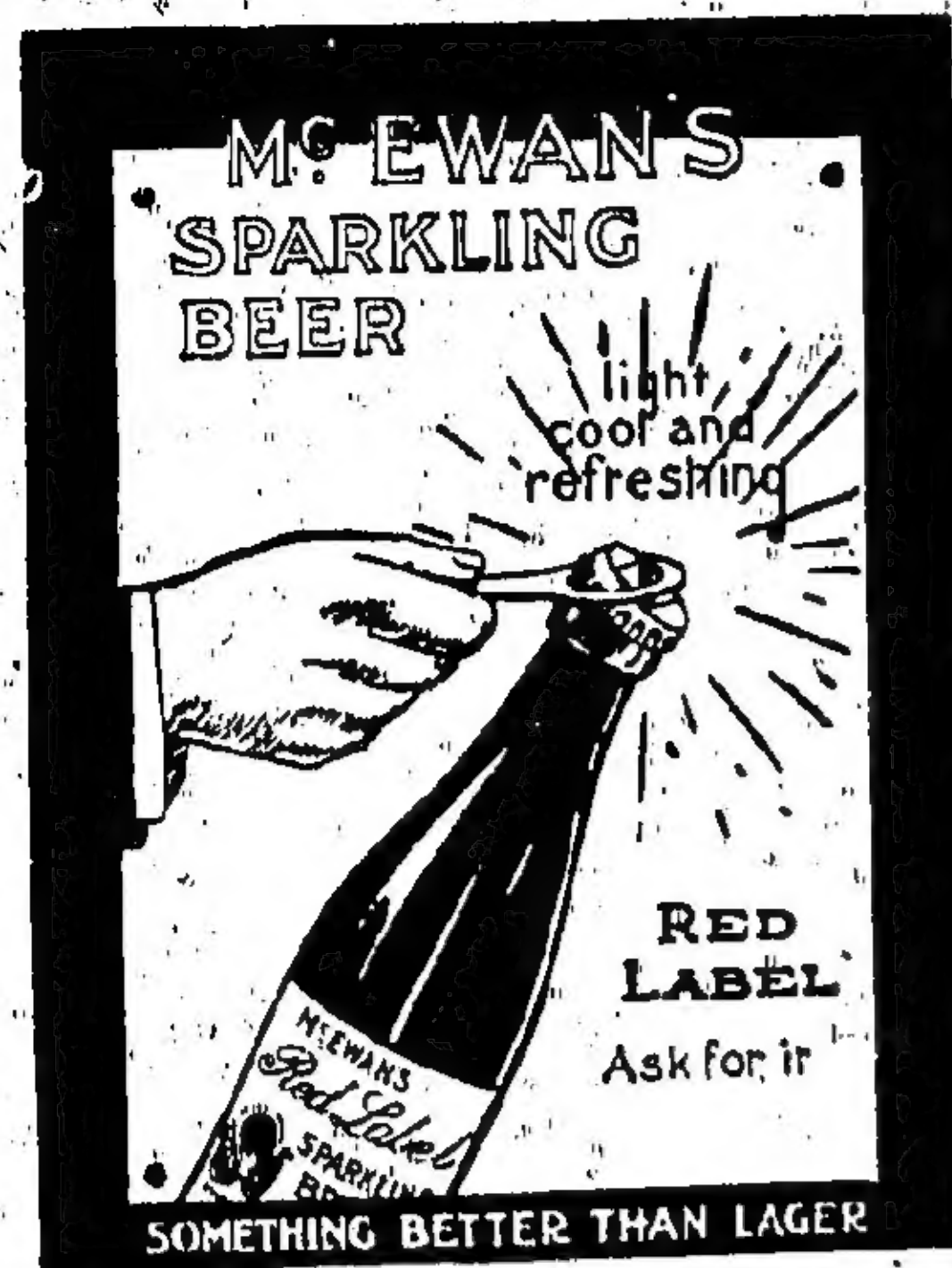
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Miss Waldine Tauch, youthful sculptor, is shown here working on the small model for the proposed war memorial to be erected in Temple, Texas, the home town of Governor "Ma" Ferguson.

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BOXER BEING TRIED FOR HIS LIFE.



NORMAN SELBY & MRS. JENNIE THOMAS. KID MCCOY LOCKETT.

Norman Selby, the famous Kid McCoy of prize ring days, is fighting his greatest battle, this time for his life, in a Los Angeles court, where he is on trial for the murder of Mrs. Teresa Mora, his sweetheart. His sister, Mrs. Jennie Thomas, wife of a banker of Bagby Rock, was the chief State's witness against him, though she fought hard for her brother. Selby's mother died while he was in jail, and he wears, on a chain, around his wrist, this locked portrait of her.

Our Police Chief.



Sir W. Horwood, Chief of Scotland Yard, had the task of guarding the lives of the King and Queen when they rode in state to the recent opening of Parliament. It was reported that their lives had been threatened by Egyptian plotters.

DENTISTRY SHRINE DEDICATED.



ST. APOLLONIA SHRINE.
Cardinal O'Connell, of Boston, has dedicated, in St. Cecilia's Church there, the only shrine in the world to St. Apollonia, patron saint of dentistry, the gift of the Guild of St. Apollonia, Catholic dentists of the Hub. The statue, carved of solid oak, and the shrine, are shown during the dedication ceremonies.

New German Envoy.



BARON VON MALTZAN

Baron Ago von Maltzan has been appointed German Ambassador to the United States, succeeding Dr. Otto Wiedfeldt, who incurred the American Government's displeasure when he refused to half-staff the Embassy flag on the occasion of Woodrow Wilson's death. Baron Ago is a native of Mecklenburg and was educated at the Universities of Bonn and Breslau. He has been Under-Secretary to the Foreign Office for three years, and has served in other diplomatic posts.

FIGURES IN THE NEWS SPOTLIGHT.

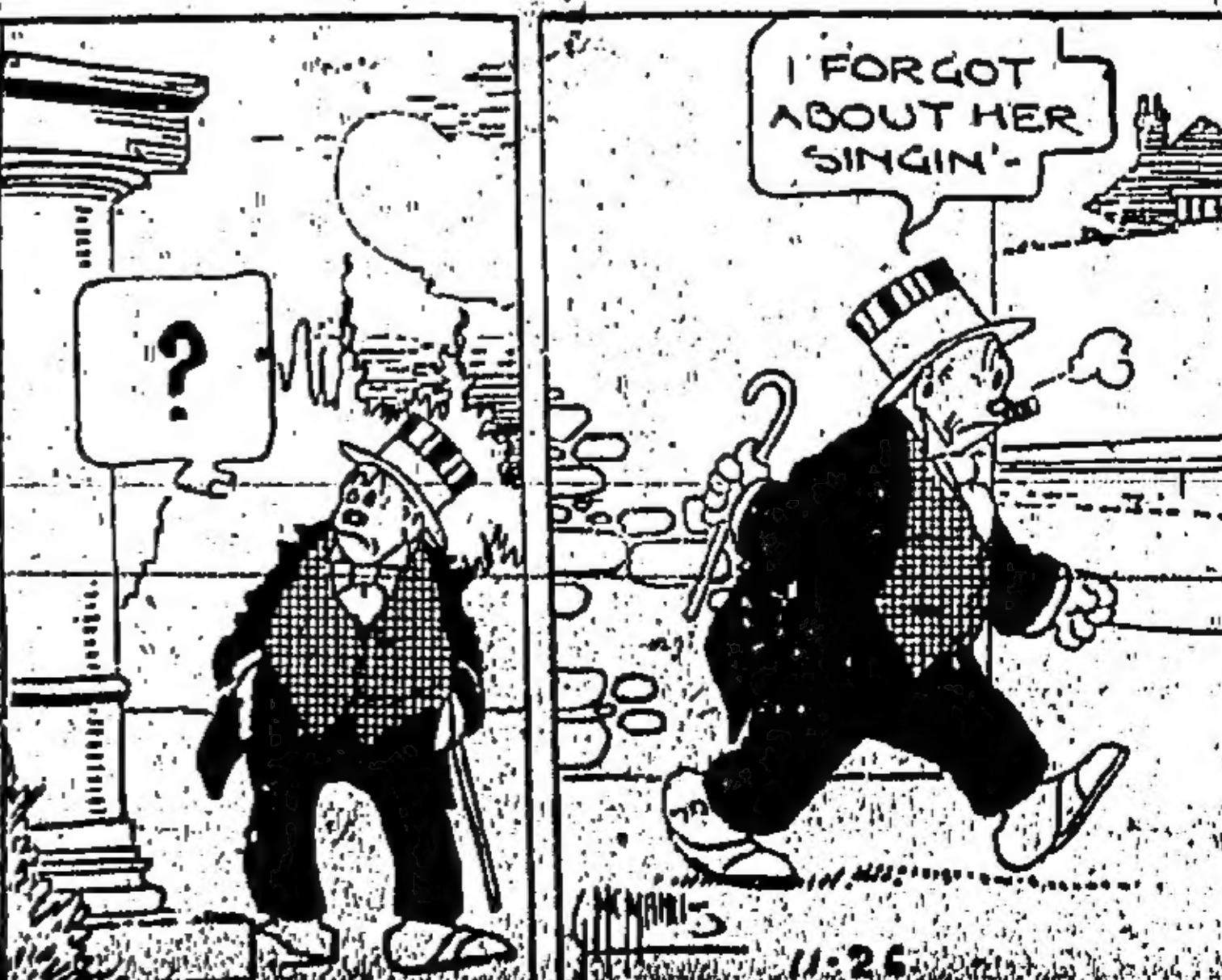
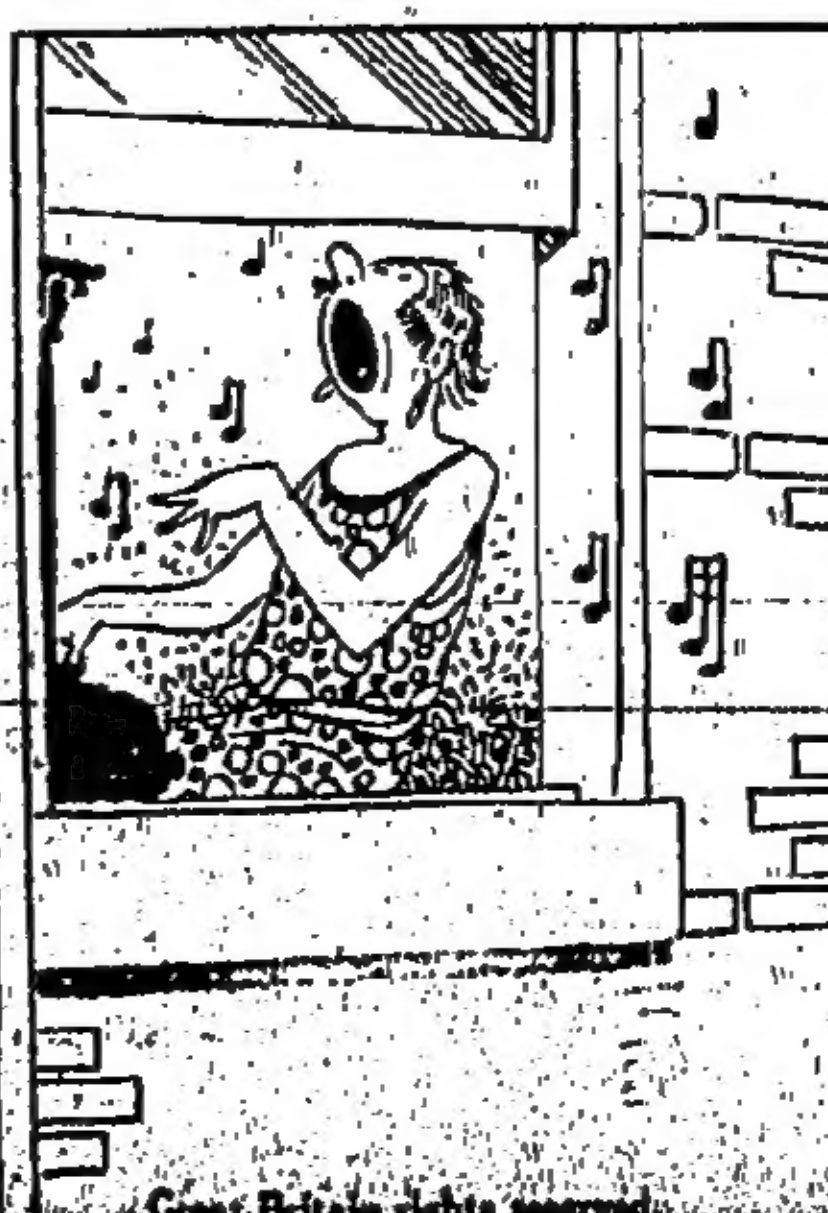


MRS. ASA G. CANDLER & ASA G. CANDLER.

Below: SECY. JOHN W. WEEKS & SECY. CURTIS D. WILCOX.

Asa G. Candler, Coca Cola King, has been reconciled with his young wife and pending divorce proceedings will be withdrawn. In response to the demand of Mr. Wilbur, Naval Secretary for a larger navy, the United States Senate has provided funds for eight new cruisers, converting six coal burning battleships into oil burners, and for six new gunboats for China service. America's Secretary of War, Mr. Weeks has asked Congress to approve the opening step in a \$115,000,000 programme for building new barracks for the army.

BRINGING UP FATHER.



LAMMERT BROS.(AUCTIONEERS, APPRAISERS
AND SURVEYORS.)**Public Auctions**THE Undersigned have received in-
structions to sell by Public Auction**THURSDAY, 15th January, 1925,**
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Hongkong, 13th January, 1925.**THE WATER SUPPLY.**Level and Storage of water in reservoirs
on the 1st January 1924—**CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS****LEVEL.**

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WORLD OF SPORT.**RIFLE SHOOTING.****DOCKYARD CLUB****DEFEATED.**At Stonecutters on Saturday,
the Dockyard Rifle Club lost to
the Small Arms Club in a shoot
for points under the Hong-
kong Rifle League. Scores were
as follow—**Small Arms Club.**

Name	Yds. 200	500	600	Total
Capt. R. Sturges	33	30	26	89
R. M.	28	28	33	89
Sgt. C. Tugwell	24	28	33	85
Sgt. R. Whit-	25	24	29	78
tingham	19	10	23	52
P. O. Lawson	25	24	30	79
P. O. Figgitt	23	22	23	68
C. P. O. Payne	27	28	30	85
Mne. Carrington	27	28	30	85
E. R. A. Wilkes	27	31	27	85

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Plus 6% for open sights.....37.26

Total.....658.26

Dockyard Rifle Club.

Name	Yds. 200	500	600	Total
Mr. Cock	22	27	29	78
Mr. Magar	28	27	28	83
Mr. Wimble	28	28	21	77
Mr. Newham	28	27	24	79
Mr. Jefford	27	27	20	74
Mr. Coles	23	22	27	72
Mr. Worth	24	23	18	65
Mr. Cassidy	20	27	31	78

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CANTON GOLF.**TUNGSHAN CLUB****CHAMPIONSHIP.**On Sunday last, the twelve
entrants who qualified for the
championship of the Tungshan
Golf Club, Canton, played off over
36 holes, medal play. Mr. A. T.
Lay, who has won fame in Hong-
kong as a cricketer, was declared
the winner.

Net scores of the first four are—

A. T. Lay	81 + 73 = 154
L. Scotchmer	78 + 78 = 156
J. T. Smith	80 + 77 = 157
R. K. Batchelor	79 + 81 = 160

Mr. R. K. Batchelor, Club cap-
tain, presented the Cup in the
evening.**SERVICE FOOTBALL.**On the Sookumpoo ground at
4 o'clock this afternoon, the
"Titania" and "Surreys" football
teams met in the United Services
competition. C. P. O. Tovey will
referee.**SHAMEEN MATCHES.**A football team from the French
gunboat "Argus" has been beaten
by the Shameen Sports Club by 8
goals to 1. Forthcoming Shameen
"soccer" matches include those
for the Watson Shield in which
the Customs Recreation Club will
play H.M.S. "Moorhen" as soon
as the latter arrives there.**HOCKEY.****CLUB "A" v. SUBMARINES "A."**The following will represent the
Hongkong Hockey Club "A"
versus Submarines "A." at Happy
Valley this evening at 5 o'clock
sharp:—A. Bower, L. R. Blacking,
W. H. Lock, A. N. Other, H. C.
Macnamara, G. R. Vallack, A. I. C.
Bowker, J. Wedlake (captain),
D. S. Green, H. G. Gardner and
H. H. Rose.

H.K.H.C. 2nd XI v. SURREYS.

The following will represent the
Club in a match against the East
Surrey Regiment at Sookumpoo
to-day at 5 p.m.:—G. H. Piercy,
C. L. Beecher, H. R. Remington,
Rev. N. Evans, C. J. U. Hughes,
W. A. Nowers, T. R. Rowell, D.
Lyons, S. D. Garrod, D. J. Arm-
strong and W. H. Edmonds.**A WAY THEY HAVE.****HOW FRENCH FORWARD****SCORED A GOAL.**London League representatives
tell an amusing story of how the
Paris Ligue, in the recent annual
match for the Dewar Cup, in the
French capital, scored an equalis-
ing goal and went on to win the
game.The Londoners having gained a
lead, Paris were attacking when
the London goalkeeper was in-
jured. Play went on, with a
French forward rendering first aid
to the goalkeeper, but while so
doing the ball came towards him.
He thereupon let go the unfor-
tunate goalie, secured the ball, and
kicked it into the empty net,
returning to help the stricken
player. And the French referee
allowed the goal to count!**LEAGUE CRICKET.****C.S.C.C. v. EAST SURREYS.**The following have been select-
ed to play for the Civil Service
Cricket Club in a first division
League match with the East
Surreys, on Saturday:—E. W.
Hamilton (captain), G. R. Sayer,
E. B. Reed, F. J. de Rome, A. R.
Sutherland, F. E. Lawrence, B. D.
Evans, F. H. Holdman, F. Baker,
E. C. Fincher, and F. J. Ling, with
H. G. Wallington as reserve.**KING'S HORSES.****HOME RACING MEN****WORRIED.**British racing men are beginning
to wonder what is the matter with
King George's racing stud. It
has dwindled to only twenty-
eight animals with nothing promis-
ing among them and with little
chance of producing anything prom-
ising with the present stock.The King has been practising
economy for the last three or four
years—it is said he has saved
\$100,000 this year on his house-
hold expenses alone—and his
agents have not been active in the
big sales of yearlings during that
time. Breeders and trainers have
deplored this fact, because it has
long been known that if the King
intended to keep his stable up to
the standard where he could expect
to annex some of the classics he
could not do it with his established
stud, particularly the mares.One of the most spectacular
figures on the English turf now is
the Aga Khan, who has had
phenomenal success, but those
who follow racing closely also
note that his string has been built
up largely by purchasing at very
high prices yearlings that should
develop in the best company. It
is freely stated that it is almost
impossible, and certainly not
politic, for the King to bid
against the Aga Khan up to, say,
\$45,000 for a yearling.This situation has brought about
dissatisfaction with "Dick" Marsh,
who has trained the royal stud for
thirty years and has always been
successful until recently, when the
class of the stud was allowed to
run down through lack of new
blood. There is some controversy
whether Marsh really resigned or
was pushed out, but it seems the
latter is the best bet. His place
will be taken by one of the
younger members of the Jarvis
family, who for two generations
have been successful trainers on
the English turf.**HONGKONG****HONGKONG HOTEL; REPULSE BAY HOTEL;****PRANK HOTEL.**

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